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 SERIAL NO.: 09/966,923 Group Art Unit: 1743
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 FOR: METHOD FOR ENDING POINT DETECTION DURING ETCHING
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
- EXPEDITED PROCEDURE -
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RESPONSE

This is a response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 10, 2004. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claim rejections.

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